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- 1. Since 1 March 1952, the Czechoslovak Armed Forces have been on maneuvers in a 30 square km. area near Opice Hora (near Karlovy Vary-N51/P69). The participants are mostly members of units stationed in southern and western Bohemia. It is expected that the maneuvers will last until July 1952.
- 2. The Czechoslovak secondary schools and colleges give a six-hour weekly required premilitary training course, including basic and small arms drill.
- 3. Many of the recruits who were inducted on 1 April 1952 will be assigned as support troops to the SNB in frontier districts. Selected recruits will be sent to parachute training centers at Zilina (Q50/092) and Turciansky-Svaty-Martin (Q50/C69) and will exercise in the Fatra mountains.
- 4. From 10 to 12 March 1952, an unspecified number of Polish officers were seen in the Ministry of National Defense in Prague. The purpose of their presence there is unknown.
- 5. Many Czechoslovak officers and men who speak German or know Germany and are politically reliable are being withdrawn from their units and sent to special camps. The purpose of this operation is unknown.

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